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SUBJECT: WISNIEWSKI MEETINGS AT STATE

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMSTRONG MET WITH WISNIEWSKI 20 MARCH. COPY MEMCON BEING POUCHED. IN ADDITION TO MANY OF TOPICS BROUGHT UP AT COMMERCE, FOLLOWING WERE RAISED:
A) EXIM BANK ACT RENEWAL - ARMSTRONG SAID RENEWAL EXIM BANK BASIC AUTHORITY BY JUNE SHOULD NOT RUN INTO ANY GREAT DIFFICULTY; POSSIBILITY OF RESTRICTIVE JACKSON-VANIK TYPE AMENDMENT LIKELY TO BE RESOLVED PRIMARILY IN CONTEXT OF TRADE REFORM ACT.

B) JOINT VENTURES - WISNIEWSKI SAID POLAND WOULD CONSIDER CONCRETE PROPOSALS QUOTE PRAGMATICALLY, ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS END QUOTE AND THAT ENACTMENT OF JOINT VENTURE REGULATIONS IS NOT NECESSARILY PRECONDITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT VENTURES. HE ADDED THAT LACK OF EXCESS CAPACITY IN THE CURRENT PLAN MAY MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO ADD LARGE NEW PROPOSALS AT THIS TIME.

C) BONDHOLDERS - POLISH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY TOWARD SETTLEMENT IN
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\$5-\$7 MILLION RANGE.

D) POLISH COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR'S OFFICE IN NEW YORK -
ARMSTRONG DISCOURAGED POLES ON POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING
DIPLOMATIC AND TAX EXEMPT STATUS FOR ALL POLISH PERSONNEL
AT OFFICE IN NEW YORK.

2. IN SEPARATE MEETING WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ARMITAGE FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE RAISED (MEMCON FOLLOWS):
A) TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS - ARMITAGE INFORMED WISNIEWSKI
THAT EMBASSY WARSAW AUTHORIZED DISCUSS WITH GOP REMOVAL
OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON MUTUAL BASIS. WISNIEWSKI EX-
PRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS ACTION WHICH WILL ASSIST
WORK OF SAN FRANCISCO COMMERCIAL OFFICE. ARMITAGE NOTED
THAT AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI WOULD RECALL CIRCUMSTANCES
IN WHICH TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS HAD BEEN IMPOSED AND STRESSED
THAT SCRUPULOUS OBSERVANCE OF PROPRIETIES REQUIRED WHEN
RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED. ARMITAGE ALSO INFORMED WISNIEWSKI
OF US DECISION TO REDUCE NOTIFICATION FOR ACCESS OF
POLISH SHIPS TO US PORTS TO FOUR DAYS.
B) JOINT VENTURES - ARMITAGE ALSO RAISED MATTER OF POLISH
JOINT VENTURE LEGISLATION, NOTING THAT CLARIFICATION IS
NEEDED FOR US BUSINESSMEN WHO INQUIRE. WISNIEWSKI AGAIN
TOOK LINE THAT CASE-BY-CASE APPROACH IS SUITABLE FOR
PRESENT PERIOD, BUT HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EVENTUALLY A
MORE PERMANENT FRAMEWORK WILL BE NECESSARY.
C) BUSINESS FACILITATION - WISNIEWSKI PLEADED IGNORANCE
WHEN BUSINESS FACILITATION ISSUES OF ADVERTISING AND
HIRING OF PERSONNEL WERE RAISED, BUT PROMISED TO LOOK
INTO THE MATTER. KISSINGER

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